REPRODUCIBLE RESEARCH PROVENANCE

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VISUAL ANALYTICS

IN THIS LECTURE

YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT

COMMUNICATING YOUR PROCESS

DETAILS

DIFFICULTIES

HOW TO CONVEY THE ANALYSIS PROCESS?

IN WORDS - TELL IT

PROVIDING DETAIL: CODE, DATA, ...

GENERATE / WRITE REPORTS

WHY CONVEY THE ANALYSIS PROCESS?

SHOW YOUR FINDINGS ARE ROBUST

HIGHLIGHT SUBJECTIVITY

ENABLE IMPROVEMENTS

HELP SOMEONE LEARN ANALYZING

. . .

PROBLEMS

NOT EASY TO DESCRIBE

PEOPLE MAY NOT UNDERSTAND YOU

LONG ANALYSIS PIPELINES

LOTS OF TRIAL AND ERROR IN ANALYSIS

CONCEPTS

LETS FIRST DISCUSS TWO MAIN CONSIDERATIONS...

REPLICATION VS. REPRODUCIBILITY

REPLICATION

ABILITY OF AN ENTIRE EXPERIMENT / STUDY TO BE DUPLICATED WITH INDEPENDENT / NEW

DATA

INVESTIGATORS

ANALYSIS METHODS

...

ULTIMATE
STANDARD FOR
STRENGTHENING
SCIENTIFIC
EVIDENCE

Science 2 December 2011: Vol. 334 no. 6060 pp. 1226-1227 DOI: 10.1126/science.1213847

+ Coursera MOOC - Reproducible Research

REPLICATION WHY?

CHECK IF A FINDING IS ROBUST IS THIS CLAIM TRUE?

ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT WHEN STUDIES HAVE BROAD IMPACT (E.G. ON SOCIETY)

REPLICATION WHEN?

BUT SOMETIMES YOU CAN'T REPLICATE BECAUSE

- YOU DON'T HAVE THE TIME
- OR THE MONEY
- OR THE RESOURCES
- OR THE SITUATION IS UNIQUE

e.g. how would you replicate the Sloan Digital Sky Survey?

IF YOU CAN'T REPLICATE?

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?

LET A STUDY/AN ANALYSIS STAND BY ITSELF?

Do Nothing Replication

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REPRODUCIBILITY

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ASKS: CAN WE TRUST THIS ANALYSIS?

/SHOULD/ BE MIN STANDARD FOR ANY SCIENTIFIC STUDY

NEW INVESTIGATORS: SAME DATA, SAME METHODS

→ ALLOW FOR VALIDATION OF THE DATA ANALYSIS

WHY?

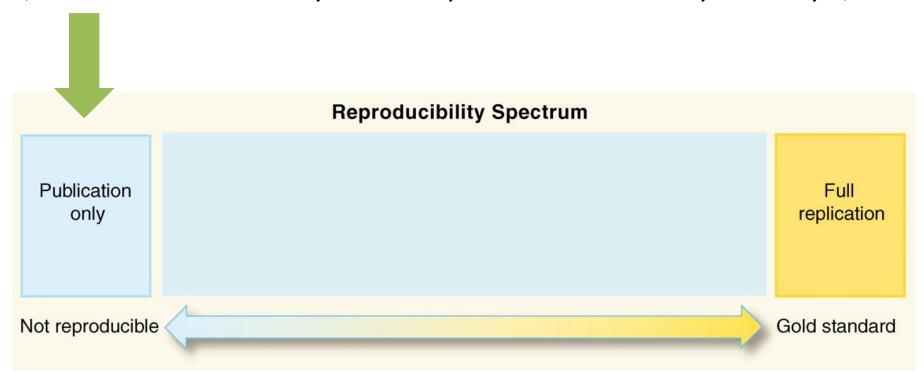


WHY?

ANOTHER VIDEO FOR YOU TO LOOK AT AT HOME https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eV9dcAGaVU8

("DECEPTION AT DUKE")

ANALYSIS (INCL. DATA COLLECTION, CLEANING, ANALYTIC METHODS, FIGURES, ...)





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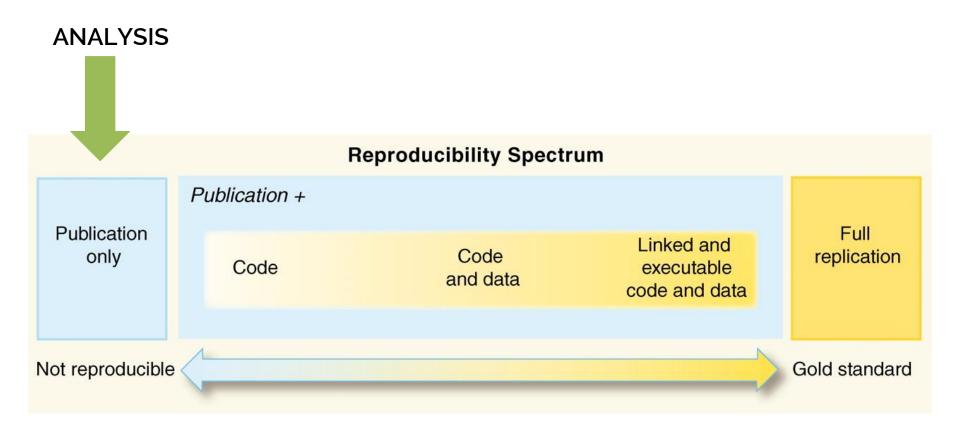
WHAT TO DO?

MAKE YOUR DATA AVAILABLE

MAKE YOUR ANALYSIS METHODS AVAILABLE

DOCUMENT CODE AND DATA

USE STANDARD MEANS OF DISTRIBUTION





WHO IS INVOLVED?

ANALYSTS

WHO WANT TO MAKE THEIR WORK REPRODUCIBLE

READERS

WHO WANT TO REPRODUCE (OR BUILD ON) THE PREVIOUS ANALYSIS

CHALLENGES

WHAT ARE GOOD TOOLS FOR ANALYSTS?

DOCUMENTATION IS TIME-CONSUMING

NEEDS RESOURCES (WEB SERVERS, ETC.)

WHAT ARE GOOD TOOLS FOR REPRODUCTION?
HOW TO PIECE TOGETHER DATA & CODE
TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED

REPRODUCIBILITY

CONCEPT IMPORTANT TO ANYONE CONDUCTING AN ANALYSIS

BUT: THERE IS NO AGREED-UPON NOTATION FOR WRITING "INSTRUCTIONS"

REPRODUCIBILITY

For coding environments – like R

BE ORGANIZED

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YOU WILL DEAL WITH

- DATA (RAW + PROCESSED)
- FIGURES (EXPLORATORY + FINAL)
- CODE (RAW, UNUSED, FINAL, BUGGED, DEBUGGED, ...)
- TEXT (README FILES, ANALYSIS REPORT, DOCUMENTATION)

RAW DATA

SHOULD BE STORED IN YOUR ANALYSIS FOLDER

SHOULD COME WITH README

IF ACCESSED FROM WEB, INCLUDE URL, DESCRIPTION,

AND DATE ACCESSED

PROCESSED DATA



SOMETIMES YOU NEED TO TRANSFORM DATA

- NAME PROCESSED DATA TO KNOW WHICH SCRIPT GENERATED IT
- MAKE A README THAT SAYS WHICH SCRIPT/PROCEDURE GENERATED THE FILE
- PROCESSED DATA SHOULD BE READY FOR ANALYSIS

BAD EXAMPLE

<u></u>	coocurrence-author-level1.npy	3/20/2014 4:33 PM	NPY File	54,947 KB
	coocurrence-author-level1-final clean.npy	3/20/2014 4:55 PM	NPY File	53,998 KB
<u></u>	coocurrence-author-level2.npy	5/7/2014 10:11 AM	NPY File	191 KB
<u></u>	coocurrence-PCS-all.npy	5/7/2014 10:11 AM	NPY File	127 KB
<u></u>	doc-term-level1.npy	3/20/2014 4:26 PM	NPY File	21,527 KB
<u></u>	doc-term-level1-final clean.npy	3/20/2014 4:48 PM	NPY File	21,341 KB
	doc-term-level2.npy	5/7/2014 10:11 AM	NPY File	1,267 KB
	equivalencematrix.npy	3/17/2014 1:06 PM	NPY File	54,039 KB
	ieeecoocurrence.npy	2/11/2014 10:34 AM	NPY File	29,434 KB
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FIGURES

YOU WILL GENERATE MANY THAT YOU DON'T NEED

MAKE THE FINAL FIGURES PRETTY, USE PROPER LABELING AND COLOR, POSSIBLY CAPTIONS

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authorkeywordGraph.svg

🔊 authorkeywordGraph.svgz

authorKeywordGraph2.ai

🛃 authorKeywordGraph2.pdf

also name them properly

SCRIPTS

CLEARLY COMMENT YOUR FINAL SCRIPTS
WHAT, WHEN, WHY, HOW THROUGHOUT
BIGGER COMMENT BLOCKS FOR WHOLE SECTIONS

INCLUDE PROCESSING DETAILS

CLEAN THE SCRIPT
ONLY INCLUDE CODE FOR FINAL ANALYSIS

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

KEEP TRACK OF WHAT YOU'RE DOING E.G. USE VERSION CONTROL SYSTEMS

SAVE AS MUCH CODE AS POSSIBLE AS LITTLE OUTPUT AS NECESSARY

SAVE DATA IN NON-PROPRIETARY FORMATS

PROBLEMS

IT TAKES A LOT OF EFFORT TO MAKE DATA/RESULTS AVAILABLE

READERS MUST FIND YOUR STUFF AND PIECE IT TOGETHER

TYPICALLY DATA, CODE, TEXT ARE NOT LINKED

LITERATE PROGRAMMING

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explanation of the program logic in a natural language, such as English, interspersed with snippets of macros and traditional source code (Wikipedia)

YOU WRITE CODE TO DO AN ANALYSIS

COMPUTE RESULTS

GENERATE DATA TABLES

...

YOU ALSO WRITE A DOCUMENT – TEXT CHUNKS SURROUNDING YOUR ANALYSIS CODE

EXPLAIN YOUR ANALYSIS

FORMAT YOUR RESULTS

LITERATE PROGRAMS

USE A DOCUMENTATION LANGUAGE (HUMAN READABLE)

USE A PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE (MACHINE READABLE)

HAVE A PRE-PROCESSOR THAT:

WEAVES THE DOC TO PRODUCE HUMAN-READABLE DOCUMENTS (PDF, HTML, ...)

TANGLES THE DOC TO PRODUCE MACHINE-READABLE DOCUMENTS

EXAMPLES

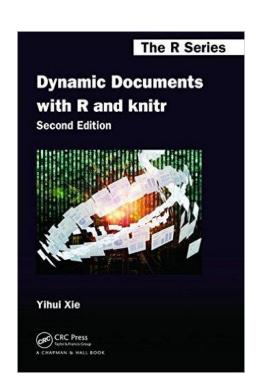
FIRST:

WEB (BY DONALD KNUTH, 1981):

PASCAL + TEX

SWEAVE: R + LATEX

KNITR: R + LATEX, MARKDOWN, HTML



```
2 title: "Mayhem at DinoFunWorld"
 3 author: "Petra Isenberg"
   date: "October 5, 2015"
    output: html_document
    #Merging Data Files with R
 9
10
    ##Loading Files
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12 First we will load a file that contains attractions, their ids, and coordinates in the park
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Loading Files

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## 1 Wrightiraptor Mountain 1 47 11
## 2 Galactosaurus Rage 2 27 15
## 3 Auvilotops Express 3 38 90
## 4 TerrorSaur 4 78 48
## 5 Wendisaurus Chase 5 16 66
## 6 Keimosaurus Big Spin 6 86 44
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+PROS

TEXT AND CODE ALL IN ONE PLACE ORDER IS MAINTAINED

RESULTS ARE AUTOMATICALLY UPDATED WHEN DATA CHANGES

CODE NEEDS TO RUN TO PRODUCE THE DOCUMENT

-CONS

DOCUMENTS CAN BECOME DIFFICULT TO READ WHEN THERE IS A LOT OF CODE

CAN BE SLOW
BUT YOU CAN USE THINGS LIKE CACHING

REPRODUCIBILITY

Is this all we need to understand an analysis and its results?

WHAT ABOUT?

HUMAN PROCESSES SUCH AS

INTERACTIONS WITH GUI SYSTEMS

RESOURCE SHARING/COORDINATION

INSIGHTS AND HYPOTHESES PRODUCED

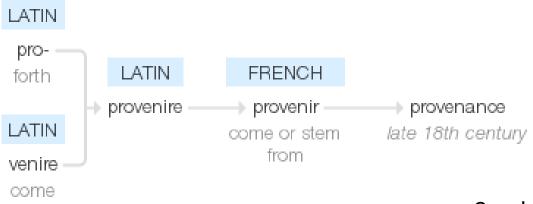
PROVENANCE

A broad concept of "history" in the analysis process

DEFINITION

"ORIGIN, SOURCE"

"THE HISTORY OF OWNERSHIP OF A VALUED OBJECT OR WORK OF ART OF LITERATURE"



source: Google

PROVENANCE IN VISUAL **ANALYTICS**

PROVENANCE OF:

DATA VISUALIZATION **INTERACTIONS INSIGHTS** RATIONALE

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PROVENANCE OF DATA

HISTORY OF CHANGES AND MOVEMENT OF DATA SUBSETTING, MERGING, FORMATTING,...

COUPLED WITH WORKFLOWS
CAPTURES ACTIONS ON DATA

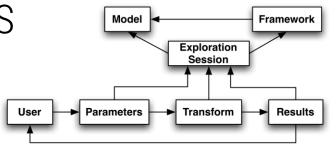
PROVENANCE OF VISUALIZATION

HISTORY OF GRAPHICAL VIEWS AND VISUALIZATION STATES

SAVE SCREENSHOTS OR PARAMETERS TO RECREATE VIEWS/STATES

VISUALIZATION STATES

DESCRIBE VISUALIZATION AS CHAIN OF VISUAL ENCODING OPERATORS

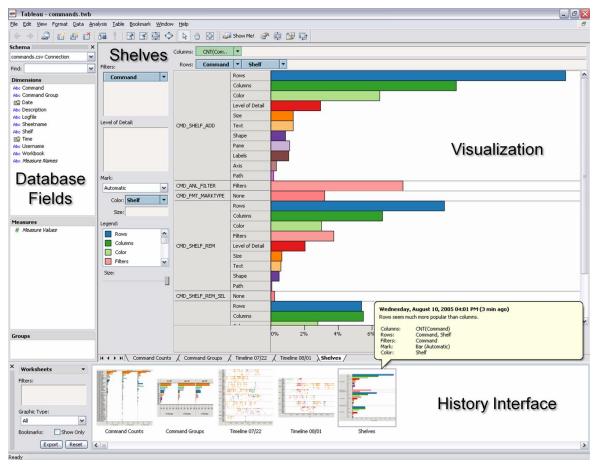


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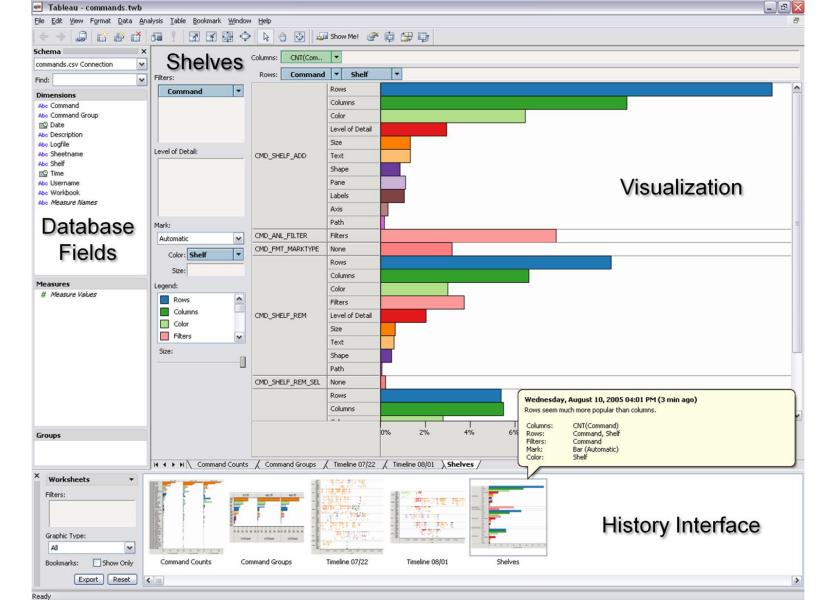
STATE = SET OF PARAMETERS & ACTIONS AS TRANSFORMATIONS OF THESE PARAMETERS

A Model and Framework for Visualization Exploration T.J. Jankun-Kellym TVCG 2007

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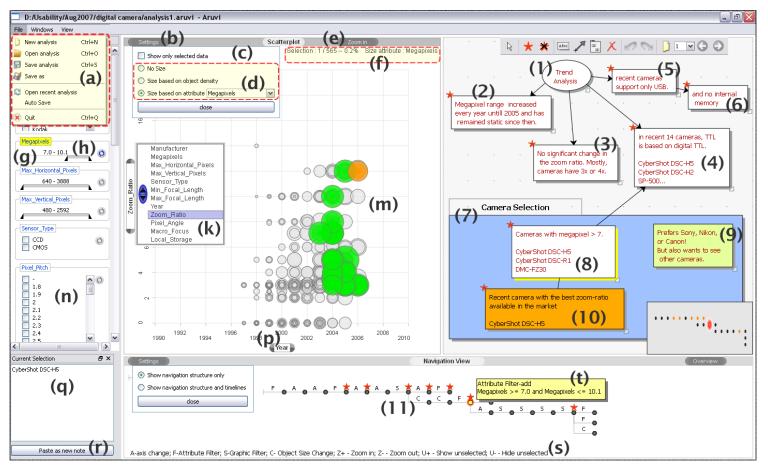


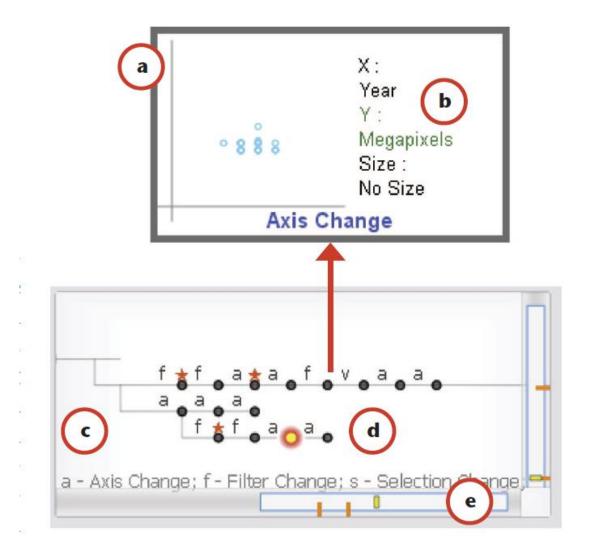
Heer et al. Graphical Histories for Visualization: Supporting Analysis, Communication, and Evaluation. InfoVis 2008.





VISUALIZATION STATES





PROVENANCE OF INTERACTIONS WITH A GUI/VIS

HISTORY OF USER INTERACTIONS/COMMANDS

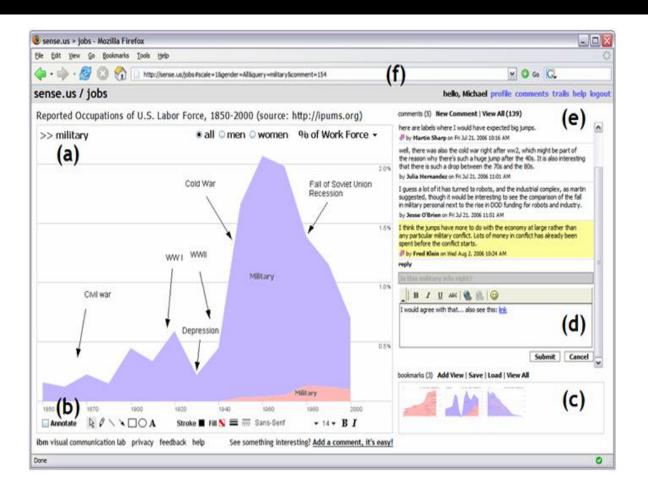
INCLUDES

DATA EXPLORATION INTERACTION (E.G. QUERIES)

ANNOTATION INTERACTIONS

COMMAND HISTORY ACTION (E.G. UNDO/REDO)

(MANUAL) ANNOTATIONS

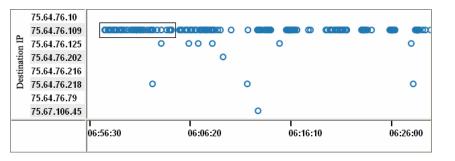


PROVENANCE OF INSIGHT

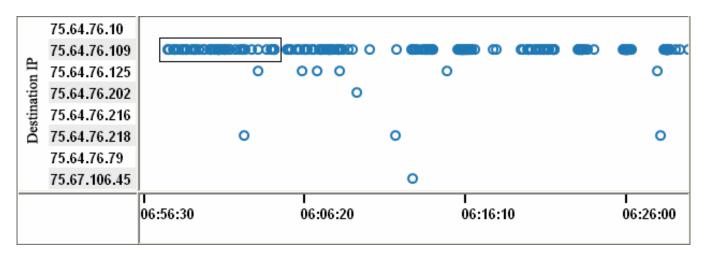
HISTORY OF COGNITIVE OUTCOMES FROM THE ANALYSIS

DIFFICULT TO CAPTURE, OFTEN MANUALLY ENTERED

Network traffic visualization system Analyst can create logical models of visual discoveries



```
WebCrawl(x1,x2,...) =
  time_sequence_30s(x1,x2,...) AND
  more_than_32_events(x1,x2,...) AND
  identical_source_AS_number(x1,x2,...) AND
  ( is_web_access_event(x1) AND
   is_web_access_event(x2) AND ...)
```



Here: HTTP requests from Google

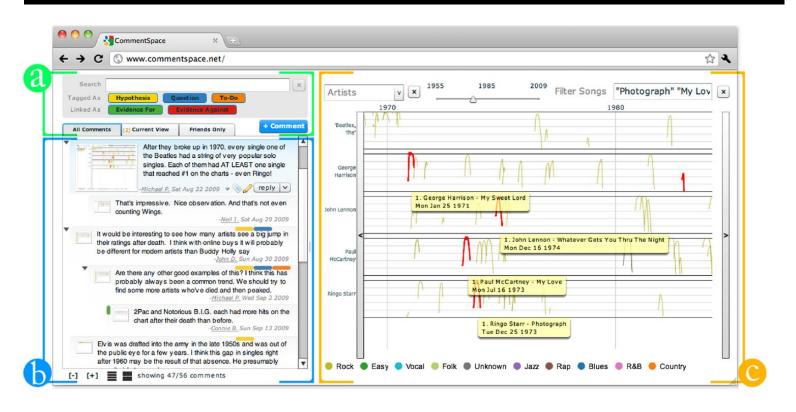
- 1) select interesting pattern (burst)
- 2) system selects a set of predicates (from a list) that are true for these points

destination_port_80, destination_Stanford, identical_source_asn, time_sequence_30s, time_sequence_60s, more_than_4_events, more_than_32_events

selected predicates

time_sequence_30s(x1,x2,...) AND
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identical_source_AS_number(x1,x2,...) AND
(is_web_access_event(x1) AND
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analyst modifies list, adds conjunctions and looks at visual feedback to see if pattern is correctly identified



CommentSpace: Structured Support for Collaborative Visual Analysis Wesley Willett, Jeffrey Heer, Joseph Hellerstein, Maneesh Agrawala ACM Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI), 2011

PROVENANCE OF RATIONALE

CAPTURE REASONING BEHIND DECISIONS, HYPOTHESES, INTERACTIONS

GOAL: IDEALLY FIGURE OUT SOMEONE'S ANALYTIC STRATEGY

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WHAT TO DO WITH PROVENANCE INFORMATION?

PROVENANCE PURPOSES

RECALL
MEMORY OF STATES OF ANALYSIS

REPRODUCIBILITY
REPRODUCE STEPS/WORKFLOW

ACTION RECOVERY
UNDO/REDO, BRANCHING

PROVENANCE PURPOSES

COLLABORATIVE COMMUNICATION SHARE INFO WITH OTHERS

PRESENTATION

COMMUNICATE INSIGHT/PROGRESSION

META-ANALYSIS

REVIEW THE ANALYTIC PROCESS

PROVENANCE VS. REPRODUCIBILITY

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GOAL OF GENERAL REPRODUCIBILITY: VALIDATE AN ANALYSIS

BY SHARING DATA & CODE

HOW CAN WE VALIDATE A VISUAL ANALYSIS?

- BY SHARING INTERACTION LOGS? BY SHARING MANUAL ANALYSIS STEPS? ...
- HOW CAN THIS BE DONE IN A MORE GENERAL WAY ACROSS DIFFERENT GUI-BASED TOOLS?

RESOURCES

- SEE SCIENTIFIC REFERENCES ON SLIDES
- REPRODUCIBLE RESEARCH MOOC COURSERA.ORG (ROGER PENG)

NEXT UP

AFTER THE BREAK

TUTORIAL - REPRODUCIBLE RESEARCH IN R